IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Erb et al.)Docket: 25045-17

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Title: FLAT SEALING MATERIAL IN THE) Confirmation No.: 6896

FORM OF A REINFORCED COMPOSITE)

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

The remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 7, 2009.

The remarks are submitted within six months of the shortened period for response.

A petition for a three month extension of time is submitted herewith thereby extending the period for response till October 7, 2009.

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance and reconsideration in light of the following is respectfully requested.